

Special Populations in Perkins V

The Strengthening the Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) is clear that in developing your comprehensive local needs assessment, you will involve “a diverse body of stakeholders.” Among several different stakeholder groups that are listed is “special populations.” This, too, is defined in Perkins V as follows:

- Individuals with disabilities
- Individuals from economically disadvantaged families
- Individuals preparing for nontraditional occupational field
- English learners
- Homeless individuals described in (Sec. 725) McKinney-Vento – Homeless Assistance Act
- Youth who are in, or have aged out of, foster care
- Single parents, including pregnant women
- Youth with a parent who is in active duty with the armed forces